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IN OUR VIEW, ISSUES AND RESERVATIONS RAISED BY GENERALS HAMLETT AND NORSTAD AND ALSO BRANDT CONNECTION POSSIBLE AGREEMENTS WITH SOVIET UNION LIMITING SIZE ALLIED GARRISON BERLIN BOTH RELEVANT AND IMPORTANT, AND SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BEFORE WESTERN DECISIONS TAKEN.

SEEMS TO US THAT IF WE SHOULD NEVERTHELESS COMMIT OURSELVES TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WITH SOVIETS, WE MUST EXPLICITLY RESERVE FOR OURSELVES EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO EXERCISE OUR OWN CONTROL OVER NUMBERS OF OUR TROOPS, AND MAKE IT UNMISTAKABLY CLEAR THAT THIS NOT FUNCTION WHICH WE SHARE WITH OR PERMIT TO BE EXERCISED BY SOVIETS.

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